

R E P O R T

On the Health and Sanitary Condition of the

WARMINSTER URBAN DISTRICT

for the year

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Presented to the

WARMINSTER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

by

J. REYNOLDS,

Medical Officer of Health  
of the Warminster Urban  
District Council.

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Health Department,  
Craven House,  
Warminster, Wilts.

P.B. Pickford, Esq.,  
Chairman, Warminster Urban District Council.

Sir,

As directed by the Council in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 22/58, I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1958. Matters of importance are amplified in the body of the report which is followed by that of your Public Health Inspector. To him, his Deputy, and the Staff of the Public Health Department I express my gratitude for the good work done during the year.

It has been a pleasure to work with the Public Health Committee and your Clerk, Mr. W. H. Edwards. The family doctors working in the District have shown great interest in preventive aspects of medicine and I thank them for lively co-operation; also the Director of the Public Health Laboratory in Bath, Dr. Paul Mann. A great deal of the work done would have been impossible without his assistance, which is much appreciated.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH REYNOLDS.

WARMINSTER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Chairman of the Council: Cllr. P.B.Pickford.

Vice-Chairman: Cllr. H.A.Jones.

Chairman of the Public Health Committee: Cllr. J.P.Quartley

Members of the Public Health Committee: Chairman of the Council. (ex officio.)  
Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Councillors: C.E.Kindersley, F.R.C.S. J.P.Quartley. E.Rees.  
R.J.King. E.F.S.Whitmarsh. E.R.Tracey.

Public Health Officers of the Authority:

Medical Officer of Health:

Office:

Joseph Reynolds, M.C., L.R.C.P.Edin., L.R.C.S.Edin.,  
L.R.F.P.& S.Glas., D.P.H.(Eng.).

Craven House,  
Warminster.

Telephone:  
Warminster 3428/9.

Chief Public Health Inspector (Part-time):

William Parks, M.I.Mun.E., C.R.S.I.

Portway House,  
Warminster.

Telephone:  
Warminster 2394

Assistant Public Health Inspector (Part-time):

B.A.Whittingham, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.  
(Figures in brackets refer to previous year.)

Area of the District (in acres)	5,651	(5,651)
Population - Registrar General's estimate as at 30th June, 1958.	8,890	(8,860)
Density of Population - Acres per person	0.63	( 0.63)
Number of Inhabited Premises as at 31st December, 1958.	2,542	(2,469)
Number of Properties owned or held by the Council at 31st December, 1958.	803	(787)
Rateable Value on 1st April, 1958.	£114,322	(£118,090)
Product of a Penny Rate year ending 31st December, 1958.	£469. 10s.0d.	(£469. 2s.7d.)

# VITAL STATISTICS.

(Figures in brackets refer to previous year.)

## a) Live Births.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
TOTAL	80 (83)	86 (71)
Legitimate	79 (79)	83 (69)
Illegitimate	1 (4)	3 (2)

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population of the Urban District

18.7 (17.4)

Live Birth Rate of the Urban District after correction by Area Comparability Factor (1.07) which permits comparison with National statistics below.

20.0 (18.6)

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population of the County of Wiltshire.

18.7 (18.3)

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population of England and Wales.

16.4 (16.1)

## b) Still Births.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
TOTAL	2 (1)	1 (2)
Legitimate	2 (1)	1 (2)

## c) Deaths.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Number of Deaths as enumerated by Registrar General.	56 (57)	71 (53)	127 (110)
<u>Crude Death Rate</u> per 1,000 population of the Urban District	14.3		(12.4)
<u>Death Rate</u> after correction by Area Comparability Factor (0.72) which permits comparison with National statistics below.	10.3		(6.7)
<u>Death Rate</u> per 1,000 population of the County of Wiltshire.	10.5		(9.7)
<u>Death Rate</u> per 1,000 population of England and Wales.	11.7		(11.5)

## d) Deaths of Infants under one year of age.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
TOTAL	1 (1)	3 (2)
Legitimate	1 (1)	3 (2)

## e) Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
TOTAL	1 (1)	3 (1)
Legitimate	1 (1)	3 (1)



f)	<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	<u>Group A - Certain Communicable Diseases.</u>			
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	0	0	
2.	Tuberculosis, other.	0	0	
3.	Syphilitic disease	0	0	
4.	Diphtheria	0	0	
5.	Whooping Cough	0	0	
6.	Meningoccal infections	0	0	
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	0	0	
8.	Measles	0	0	
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases (except Influenza and Pneumonia)	0	0	
	Total Group A.	0	0	0
	<u>Group B - Cancer and related Malignant Disease.</u>			
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	1	
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	1	1	
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	3	
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	1	
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	3	
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	0	
	Total Group B.	7	9	16
	<u>Group C.</u>			
16.	Diabetes	0	0	0
	<u>Group D - Heart Disease and other disease of circulatory system.</u>			
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	9	15	
18.	Coronary disease, angina	8	7	
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	1	1	
20.	Other heart disease	13	23	
21.	Other circulatory disease	5	4	
	Total Group D	36	50	86

r) Contd.

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
<u>Group E - Respiratory diseases</u> <u>(other than Tuberculosis).</u>			
22. Influenza	1	0	
23. Pneumonia	3	1	
24. Bronchitis	5	1	
25. Other diseases of respiratory system.	0	0	
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Total Group E.	9	2	11
<u>Group F.</u>			
26. Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum	0	1	
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	0	1	
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	0	0	
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	0	0	
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	0	
31. Congenital malformations	1	1	
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	1	7	
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Total Group F	2	10	12
<u>Group G - Accidents and Violence.</u>			
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	0	
34. All other accidents	0	0	
35. Suicide	1	0	
36. Homicide and operations of war	0	0	
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Total Group G	2	0	2
37. All causes	50	71	121

TABLE OF BIRTH AND DEATH RATES.

(Local Rates after correction by Area Factors.)

Year	Population	Births	Rate per 1,000 population Warminster.	Rate per 1,000 population England and Wales.	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 population Warminster.	Rate per 1,000 population England and Wales.	Deaths of Infants under one year of age.
1950	8,150	135	18.9	15.8	62	7.1	11.6	3
1951	8,278	139	19.1	15.5	97	11.0	12.5	5
1952	8,290	127	17.4	15.3	85	9.7	11.3	2
1953	8,190	164	22.8	15.4	132	15.1	11.4	6
1954	8,220	149	19.6	15.2	146	15.7	11.3	5
1955	8,530	151	19.1	15.0	155	16.0	11.7	6
1956	8,510	139	17.6	15.6	132	8.9	11.7	9
1957	8,860	154	18.6	16.1	110	6.7	11.5	3
1958	8,890	166	20.0	16.4	127	10.3	17.7	4



## SECTION B.

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

#### a) Laboratory facilities.

The district is fortunate in having laboratory facilities available to the East and to the West, i.e. in the Pathological Department of the Salisbury Infirmary and the Public Health Laboratory in Bath. Practitioners in the district use the most convenient laboratory, a practice followed by this Department when forwarding specimens of water, milk, ice-cream, or suspected foodstuffs for bacteriological investigation.

#### b) Ambulance Service.

The Ambulance service is provided and controlled by the Wiltshire County Council. The service to this district is controlled from Bradford-on-Avon where the station is manned continuously. A sub-station in Warminster also serves the district. Non-emergency calls must originate from a doctor, dentist, or midwife.

To obtain an ambulance in an emergency:-

where there is a dialling system in operation, dial 999

where there is no dialling system, lift the receiver and ask for an ambulance.

#### c) Midwifery, Home Nursing, Health Visitors and Home Help.

These services are provided and controlled by the Wiltshire County Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, telephone Trowbridge 3641.

#### d) Clinics and Treatment Centres.

The following Clinics serve the districts:-

##### 1. Ante Natal:

At the Maternity Hospitals concerned.

Consultant Clinics are at Trowbridge and Bradford-on-Avon for patients referred by their own doctor or midwife.

Baptist Chapel, West End, Westbury Wilts. - Wednesday mornings 10.0 - 12.30 p.m.

##### 2. Infant Welfare:

Methodist Chapel, George Street, Warminster at 2.30 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month.

Methodist Schoolroom, Station Road, Westbury at 2.40 p.m. every Thursday.

Progressive Hall, North Bradley at 2.30 - 4 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

Trowbridge G.C. Clinic, The Halve, at 2 p.m. on every Tuesday and Thursday.

##### 3. Pediatrics.

Warminster Hospital on second Friday in each month.

Trowbridge and District Hospital third Friday in each month.

##### 4. Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis Immunisation.

Immunisation is undertaken by the County Council and Medical Officers visit the schools in outlying villages at specified dates for this purpose. All family doctors will also carry out immunisation.

The Warminster Clinic is held on the fourth Friday of every month at 2 p.m. at the Methodist Schoolroom, George Street, Warminster.

The Westbury Clinic is held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m. at the Methodist Schoolroom, Station Road, Westbury.

5. Ear, Nose and Throat.  
By invitation from the County Council or through the family doctor.  
Trowbridge and District Hospital first, third and fifth Mondays, and second and fourth Thursdays in each month.  
Westbury Hospital on fourth Tuesday in each month.  
Warminster Hospital first Tuesday in each month.
6. Eye.  
By invitation from the County Council.  
Second, fourth and fifth Fridays in month at Methodist Schoolroom, Warminster.  
10.30 to 1 p.m. every Monday at Trowbridge and District Hospital.
7. Orthopaedic.  
At Trowbridge, by invitation from the County Council or through the family doctor.  
At Warminster - First Monday, first Friday, and second and fourth Thursday in each month.  
At Westbury, first Tuesday in each month.
8. Gynaecology.  
At Warminster Hospital on fourth Wednesday in each month, and at Westbury Hospital on first and third Monday.
9. Chest Clinic.  
Trowbridge - Wednesday mornings and every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
  
Cases referred by own Doctor, or by invitation from County Council.
10. Rheumatism.  
Alternate Wednesdays at Trowbridge and District Hospital.
11. Radiotherapy Follow Up (Cancer).  
At Bristol and Bath by arrangement with the County Council.  
At Trowbridge and District Hospital second Thursday in each month.
12. Mental Illness.  
Trowbridge and District Hospital every Tuesday afternoon.
13. Chiropody.  
By arrangement with the County Council.
14. Venereal Diseases.

	<u>Men.</u>	<u>Women.</u>
General Infirmary, Salisbury.	Tuesday - 11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Wednesday - 6 - 7.30 p.m.
	Friday - 6 - 7.30 p.m.	Saturday - 11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Royal United Hospital, Bath.	Friday - 5 p.m. Saturday - 5 p.m.	Tuesday - 5 p.m. Friday - 2.30 p.m.
St. Martin's Hospital, Bath.	Tuesday - 2 p.m.	Tuesday - 2 p.m.

Welfare Foods are distributed at the W.V.S. Centre, Portway House, Warminster, on: Monday 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m., Tuesday 2.00 - 4.00 p.m., Thursday 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m., Friday 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Nursing equipment and appliances can be loaned from the Medical Loan Depot in charge of Mrs. George Nicholls, Marshlands, Upper Marsh Road, Warminster.



e) Hospitals.

The four hospitals noted below serve the district and are controlled by the West Wiltshire Hospital Management Committee:

	<u>Beds.</u>	<u>Classification.</u>	<u>Type of case dealt with.</u>
Warminster Hospital.	30	Wholly general.	} Acute medical and surgical cases. Gynaecological cases. Chronic sick patients for short periods only.
Westbury and District Hospital.	20	do.	
Sanbourne Hospital.	95	Mainly chronic sick.	Aged chronic sick. Accommodation reserved to the County Council for 26 Welfare residents. Accommodation provided for 2 wayfarers (women only).
Beckford Orthopaedic Hospital, Warminster.	26	Orthopaedic	

Many residents also attend and receive treatment at several Hospitals in Bath and Salisbury.

Maternity cases are admitted to hospitals at Bradford-on-Avon, Trowbridge and Salisbury.

Cases of infectious diseases are admitted to Isolation Hospitals at Trowbridge, Bath and Salisbury. The majority of cases of Tuberculosis are admitted to Winsley Chest Hospital, the Manor Hospital, Bath, and St.John's Hospital, Trowbridge.

f) Mortuary.

An annual payment is made to the West Wiltshire Hospital Management Committee for mortuary facilities at the Sanbourne Hospital, Warminster. The visiting pathologist has expressed his satisfaction with the facilities provided.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Ministry of Labour and National Service.

Weymouth Street,  
Warminster. Telephone: Warminster 2351.

Hours: 9 - 5 p.m.

Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Market Place,  
Warminster. Springfield Road,  
Westbury.  
Telephone: Westbury 22.

Hours: 10 - 11.30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

National Assistance Board.

Area Office: Bellefield House,  
Hilperton Road,  
Trowbridge.  
Telephone: Trowbridge 2348.  
School Lane,  
Bellvue Road,  
Salisbury.  
Telephone: Salisbury 2261.

Outside Office Hours:

Mr. R.L.Bennetts,  
1 Downsway,  
Salisbury.  
Telephone: Salisbury 4365.

GENERAL INFORMATION (Contd.)

Mental Health Officers.

	<u>Home Address.</u>	<u>During Office Hours.</u>
Mr. C.J.Lewis	40 Westbourne Road, Trowbridge.	County Hall, Trowbridge.
	Telephone: Trowbridge 2696.	Telephone: Trowbridge 3641.
Deputy: Miss B.A.Bezzant	20 Wilcot, Pewsey.	3 Church Street, Pewsey.
	Telephone: Pewsey 2243.	Telephone: Pewsey 3259.

Outside Office Hours.

Telephone Bradford-on-Avon Ambulance  
Station to contact the officer on duty.  
Telephone: Bradford-on-Avon 2271.

Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance.

Weymouth Street, Warminster.	Wallbridge House, Portway, Frome.
Telephone: Warminster 2361.	Telephone: Frome 2373.
Hours: 9 - 5 p.m.	

Bellefield House,  
Hilperton Road,  
Trowbridge.  
Telephone: Trowbridge 2348.



## SECTION C.

### PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The nearest centres which keep emergency supplies of sera for the treatment of anthrax, botulism and snake-bite are:-

Ham Green Hospital, Bristol.

Telephone No. Pill 2165.

The Dispensary, Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital (Botulinus antitoxin and snake-bite antivenon only).

Telephone No. Southampton 26211.

In addition to anthrax anti-serum for prophylactic use, small stocks are being maintained for the treatment of anthrax in patients sensitive to penicillin.

#### Organophosphorus Poisoning.

Certain insecticides contain organophosphorus poisons, e.g. parathion. Treatment is by pyridine-2-aldoxime methiodide (PAM).

A small supply of PAM is available in the Royal Infirmary Pharmacy (Tel. Bristol 22041).

An emergency service for the treatment of cases of organophosphorus insecticide poisoning is also provided by the Medical Division, C.D.E.E., (Ministry of Supply), Porton, Wilts. (Tel. Idmiston 211).

#### Infectious diseases notified during 1958

	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May.</u>	<u>June.</u>	<u>July.</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Measles	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5
Scarlet Fever	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Ac. Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2

	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
Whooping Cough	25	21	33	68	4	33	12	-	25	-
Measles	21	7	174	16	316	-	203	21	63	5
Meningococcal Infections	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
Scarlet Fever	2	19	3	41	3	-	1	-	4	2
Erysipelas	2	1	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	10	1	-	2	1	2	1	2	-	2
Dysentery	1	2	1	-	3	-	1	1	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6

<u>Tuberculosis.</u>	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Cases on Register at 31.12.58.	35	26	13	13
New Cases notified during 1958.	3	1	-	-
Transfers in	2	4	1	-
Deaths	-	-	-	-
Recovered	-	-	-	1
Transferred out of district	-	1	-	-

Notifications and Deaths during the year:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Pulmonary Tuberculosis.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.</u>		<u>Totals.</u>	
	<u>Notifications.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Notifications.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Notifications.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
1949	10	1	3	-	13	-
1950	10	1	1	-	11	1
1951	6	1	1	-	7	1
1952	3	-	4	-	7	-
1953	7	1	4	-	11	1
1954	6	1	2	-	8	1
1955	4	-	1	-	5	-
1956	2	1	1	-	3	1
1957	5	-	1	1	6	1
1958	4	-	-	-	4	-

Number of Cases on Register at end of each year:

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
1949	40	22	62
1950	43	22	65
1951	41	23	64
1952	34	21	55
1953	40	23	63
1954	43	26	69
1955	48	25	73
1956	51	26	77
1957	52	26	78
1958	61	26	87

### Typhoid Fever.

The preceding table shows that six cases of Typhoid were notified in the month of July. The occurrence of this disease in any community in this Country is now rare owing to modern methods of sanitation. The disease itself is so dangerous and so highly infectious that the steps taken to check the activities of the carrier become the concern of the National Press. He contracted typhoid in Colombo in 1929 and was taken ill at sea, landed at Fremantle, Australia and spent seven weeks in Hospital there. With the knowledge available at that time it was presumed that he had been cured and was no longer dangerous.

Eight persons comprised the household in which he lived. The housewife suffered a surgical operation earlier and being immobilised, the carrier took upon himself some of the domestic duties, including the preparation of food. He infected six of the other seven residents, the seventh only being home from the Services for short periods on leave. The Services' member was admitted to a Services' Hospital and found to be free from infection; the other six were admitted to a local Infectious Diseases Hospital and took up his duties again in the local Military Camp. His activities there were the responsibility of the Military Authorities but on the occasion of a Beagles Ball he was found to be acting as a waiter serving drinks and undoubtedly had access to the food being served at the Ball. A Notice was served on him to discontinue his employment and in September, 1959, he accepted my advice, submitted himself to an operation for the removal of his gall bladder and was discharged from Hospital free from infection. He then returned to full employment.

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### Mass Radiography Survey.

The Mass Radiography Unit paid a visit to the Town and X-rays were taken of 1,779 persons. Not a single case of active tuberculosis was discovered.



DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX STATISTICS, 1957.

(From figures supplied by courtesy of Dr. C.D.L.Lycett, C.M.O.H., Wiltshire.)

Live Births	Age Group	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5 - 9	10 - 14	Total under 15
During 1953 - 164	Primary imms. completed during: )	47	43	-	5	3	12	10	120
1954 - 149		53	49	4	5	5	19	-	135
1955 - 151		69	(-----	69	-----	-----	(-----	15	153
1956 - 139		72	26	(-----	8	-----	18	1	125
1957 - 154		68	18	(-----	10	-----	23	-	119
1958 - 166		101	25	(-----	10	-----	10	1	147
Reinf. inj.s. administered during: )	1953	-	-	-	-	3	139	94	236
	1954	-	-	-	-	9	67	61	137
	1955	-	(-----	1	-----	-----	(-----	223	224
	1956	-	-	(-----	2	-----	88	31	121
	1957	-	-	(-----	12	-----	86	-	98
Total immunized child population at 31st December: )	1958	-	-	(-----	35	-----	79	-	114
	1953	1	83	81	103	101	87	193	1618
	1954	1	70	91	82	107	99	187	1534
	1955	7	91	109	106	92	153	177	1654
	1956	28	101	100	123	127	179	251	1787
Age Group	1957	15	66	108	99	134	179	371	1745
	1958	24	104	85	111	107	154	490	1773
Immunized before 1. 1. 54									
Immunized since 1. 1. 54									
Vaccinations against Smallpox: }	Under 1	1	2 - 4	5 - 14	15 or over				
	1953	111	5	4	7				
	1954	97	2	3	6				
	1955	120	6	5	3				
	1956	90	4	2	-				
Re-vaccinations	1957	84	4	6	12				
	1958	145	3	3	6				
	1958	-	-	-	-				
	1958	-	-	-	-				
	1958	-	-	-	-				



SECTION D.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk.

Six dealers were licenced during the year. The Licences issued were:

To use designation	Tuberculin Tested	-	4
-do-	Pasteurized	-	3
Supplementary	-do-	Tuberculin Tested	- 2
-do-	-do-	Pasteurized	- 1

Milk Sampling.

Forty-four samples of milk were taken by the Inspectors during the year and submitted for examination. Twenty-four samples of pasteurized milk were all satisfactory but this was not the case with regard to T.T. milk where one retailer with premises outside the District and holding a supplementary licence was retailing milk which did not satisfy the methylene blue test. He was warned by the Council and solved his difficulties by disposing of his business. The biological examination of raw milk gave negative results for organisms which could cause brucellosis or tuberculosis.

Sixteen further samples of pasteurized milk were taken by the County Public Health Inspector from a firm supplying schools in the Urban District. All the samples complied with the statutory requirements.

I repeat the advice I give annually, the only safe milk to drink is pasteurized milk.

Ice Cream.

No samples were taken in the District but I had the advantage of seeing the results of samples taken in other Districts. Generally the supplies were satisfactory.

SECTION E.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supplies.

Further progress was made towards the formation of a Regional Water Board. The importance of adequate sterilization of the town's water supply was emphasized by the occurrence of cases of typhoid fever. Of the samples enumerated below six contained coliforms and one B.Coli Type 1. showing that the standard for chlorinated supplies had not yet been reached.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Source of Sample.</u>	<u>Bact:</u>	<u>Est.Coli</u>	<u>Est.</u>
		<u>Count</u>	<u>Areogenes</u>	<u>Type 1</u>
		<u>Col's.</u>	<u>count</u>	<u>B.Coli</u>
		<u>per</u>	<u>per</u>	<u>count</u>
		<u>1 m.l.</u>	<u>100 m.l.</u>	<u>100 m.l.</u>

Treated Water.

1.	1.58	19 Portway.	Nil	Nil
8.	1.58	22 The Tynning.	Nil	Nil
16.	1.58	Portway House.	Nil	Nil
23.	1.58	23 The Tynning.	Nil	Nil
30.	1.58	19 Portway.	Nil	Nil
5.	2.58	13 The Tynning.	Nil	Nil
13.	2.58	Portway House.	Nil	Nil
20.	2.58	49 Princecroft Lane.	Nil	Nil
4.	3.58	Portway House.	Nil	Nil
14.	3.58	4 The Tynning.	Nil	Nil
21.	3.58	19 Portway.	Nil	Nil
28.	3.58	17 Tynning.	Nil	Nil
10.	4.58	Portway House.	Nil	Nil
17.	4.58	Ambulance Station, Bradley Road.	Nil	Nil
24.	4.58	Portway House.	Nil	Nil
1.	5.58	No. 20 The Tynning.	Nil	Nil
8.	5.58	Portway House.	Nil	Nil
16.	5.58	66 Princecroft Lane.	Nil	Nil
22.	5.58	Portway House.	Nil	Nil
30.	5.58	45 Brook Street.	Nil	Nil
6.	6.58	Portway House.	2	Nil
13.	6.58	12 The Tynning.	Nil	Nil
20.	6.58	Portway House.	Nil	Nil
27.	6.58	14 Princecroft Lane.	Nil	Nil
3.	7.58	Portway House.	8	Nil
7.	7.58	50 Princecroft Lane.	13	Nil
9.	7.58	Portway House.	3	Nil
14.	7.58	51 Princecroft Lane.	50	Nil
14.	7.58	Portway House.	Nil	Nil
16.	7.58	22 The Tynning.	-1	Nil
16.	7.58	86 Portway.	-1	Nil
17.	7.58	20 The Tynning.	-1	Nil
17.	7.58	90 Portway.	-1	Nil
18.	7.58	13A Portway.	-1	Nil
18.	7.58	3 Bradley Road.	-1	Nil
18.	7.58	19 The Tynning.	-1	Nil
21.	7.58	Portway House Yard.	-1	Nil
21.	7.58	Ambulance Station.	-1	Nil
21.	7.58	18 The Tynning.	-1	Nil
21.	7.58	Curtis Yard, 11 Portway.	-1	Nil
22.	7.58	16 The Close.	-1	Nil
22.	7.58	14 The Tynning.	-1	Nil
23.	7.58	13 The Tynning.	-1	Nil
23.	7.58	26 George Street.	-1	Nil
24.	7.58	Portway Dairy.	-1	Nil
24.	7.58	12 The Tynning.	-1	Nil
28.	7.58	Portway House.	-1	Nil
31.	7.58	Portway, Ford.	-1	Nil
31.	7.58	5 The Tynning.	-1	Nil
5.	8.58	Portway House Kitchen.	-1	Nil
5.	8.58	2 The Tynning.	-1	Nil
7.	8.58	Portway House Kitchen.	-1	Nil

Water Supplies Continued.

Date.	Source of Sample.	Bact:	Est.Coli.	Est.
		Count	Aerogenes	Type I
		Cols.	count	B.Coli
		per	per	count
		1 m.l.	100 m.l.	per
				100 m.l.
7. 8.58	1 The Tynning.		-1	Nil
11. 8.58	41 Portway.		-1	Nil
11. 8.58	23 The Tynning.		-1	Nil
14. 8.58	Portway House.		-1	Nil
14. 8.58	15 The Tynning.		-1	Nil
18. 8.58	Portway House.		-1	Nil
18. 8.58	10 The Tynning.		-1	Nil
25. 8.58	1 Lyme Avenue.		-1	Nil
25. 8.58	90 Portway.		-1	Nil
1. 9.58	19 Portway.		-1	Nil
1. 9.58	1 West Parade.		-1	Nil
8. 9.58	7 Fore Street.		5	5
8. 9.58	19 Portway.		-1	Nil
15. 9.58	19 Portway.		-1	Nil
15. 9.58	7 Fore Street.		-1	Nil
22. 9.58	Sewage Works.		-1	Nil
22. 9.58	19 Portway.		-1	Nil
29. 9.58	52 West Parade.		-1	Nil
29. 9.58	19 Portway.		-1	Nil
6. 10.58	19 Portway.		-1	Nil
6. 10.58	Kiosk, Weymouth Street.		-1	Nil
13.10.58	Portway House.		-1	Nil
13.10.58	76 Princecroft Lane.		-1	Nil
20.10.58	7 Fore Street.		-1	Nil
20.10.58	19 Portway.		-1	Nil
28.10.58	7/11 Fore Street.		-1	Nil
28.10.58	19 Portway.		-1	Nil
3. 11.58	19 Portway.		-1	Nil
3. 11.58	39 Sambourne.		-1	Nil
10.11.58	48 Princecroft.		-1	Nil
10.11.58	19 Portway.		-1	Nil
18.11.58	44 Princecroft.		-1	Nil
18.11.58	19 Portway.		-1	Nil
24.11.58	19 Portway.		-1	Nil
24.11.58	25 Princecroft.		-1	Nil
1. 12.58	19 Portway.		-1	Nil
1. 12.58	48 Princecroft.		-1	Nil
8. 12.58	19 Portway.		-1	Nil
8. 12.58	78 Princecroft.		-1	Nil
15.12.58	7 Fore Street.		-1	Nil
15.12.58	19 Portway.		-1	Nil
22.12.58	19 Portway.		-1	Nil
22.12.58	48 Princecroft.		-1	Nil
31.12.58	19 Portway.		-1	Nil
31.12.58	42 Pound Street.		-1	Nil

Untreated Water.

14. 7.58	Pump House, Crockerton.	90	Nil
14. 7.58	Keepers Well, Crockerton.	50	2
14. 7.58	Jersey Hill, Crockerton.	17	2

Sewage Disposal.

The main sewer was extended along the Salisbury road and new sewers were provided in Upper Marsh Road and for adjoining properties. From the new pumping station at Calves Water the sewage is pumped to the main sewage disposal plant.



## Refuse Disposal.

The present method of disposal is still likely to cause nuisance and more complaints would doubtless have been received but for the Surveyor's valiant efforts to try to effect disposal without having proper facilities. The cost of disposal in Warminster is approximately 60 per cent of the cost in comparison with similar Urban Districts. The question of the introduction of controlled tipping is still being discussed by the Council.

## Housing.

Seventy-six houses were erected in "The Dene" and a second block of eighteen Flats at Alcock Crest. A beginning was made towards forty-six Houses and sixteen Flats at Westleigh.

The Council has now erected approximately 800 dwellings in the Urban District and at mid-year there were about 350 names on the waiting list. Since the demand for houses was partially satisfied, a start was made towards the demolition of houses unfit for human habitation. Representations were made to the Council regarding twenty houses and four Clearance Areas amounting to approximately 0.9 acres were recommended. The Council accepted the representations and Orders were made in respect of four areas:-

- i) Bread Street Nos. 11, 27, 29, 31 and Chapel Street No.10.
- ii) Brook Street Nos. 6, 6A, 7, 8, 9 and 10.
- iii) Pound Street Nos. 41, 43, 45, 47, 49 and 51.
- iv) Pound Street Nos. 5, 7, and 9.

Objections to the Orders were lodged by some owners and a Public Enquiry was held by an Inspector of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

The Inspector's decision was that the Clearance Areas fell within the terms of Section 42 of the Housing Act, 1957 and the most satisfactory method of dealing with the condition in the Areas was the demolition of the buildings contained therein. The properties have been demolished and the tenants re-housed.

## Section 47. National Assistance Act, 1948.

No action under this section has been necessary during 1958.

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Mr. W.Parks, Chief Public Health Inspector, reports as follows:

### (1) Food Premises.

Butchers' Shops.	-	10
Grocery and General.	-	36
Fishmongers.	-	2
Fish Fryers.	-	4
Bakehouses.	-	2
Cafes.	-	8

### (2) Premises Registered Under Sec.16, Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

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(3) 267 Visits were made to Food Premises and informal action taken in six cases.

### (4) Disposal of Condemned Food.

Meat condemned at the bacon factory is collected for disposal by National By Products.

All other condemned food is collected by the Council and burnt at their refuse tip

(5) All Food Premises were visited with regard to the provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations.



Meat Inspection.

Details of meat inspection are as follows:

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or part:

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	-	-	-	-	6,473	-
Number inspected	-	-	-	-	4,855	-
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI.						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	3	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	98	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	-	-	-	-	2	-
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	201	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	4	-
CYSTICEROSIS						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by Refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health  
 (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	45	39	-	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	-	-	-	-
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	45	39	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecu- tions were institute
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)-					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	2	-	-	-

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)

No. of out-workers in August  
 list required by Sect. 110(1)(c)

Wearing apparel - making, etc.

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TOTAL .....

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